

CCP Meeting Notes, 9/24/08

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Canyon Country Partnership Meeting & September 24, 2008

Attendees:

Heidi Stringham & State Archives
Dave Vincent & USGS
Dave Vaughn & Grand Co.
Chris Glazier & UDOT
Brock Fossett & Carbon County
Mike Hubbard & Manti & LaSal Forest
Ben Clement & Carbon County
Monte Wells & Off the Beaten Path, Inc.
Doug Wight & Moab BLM Office

Round Robin:

Heidi Stringham

- Trying to start working with Grand Co on putting their data into the GIS Inventory. She is looking for any other county that has GIS data that hasn't been inventoried into the national GISINVENTORY.Net database.

Dave Vincent

- NAIP imagery for 2009 will be flown only over areas with agricultural use.
- There partnership with USGS and other Wasatch Front entities to obtain 1ft natural color imagery in 2009 over the Wasatch Front from Weber County to Utah Co, over to a small area in Summit Co, and extend over parts of Tooele Co.
- USGS and AGRC are looking to expand that footprint by partnering with other entities.
- At NSGIC the hot topics were the National Library of Congress's Archiving Project that Utah, North Carolina, and Kentucky are partners in.

Dave Vaughn

- experienced the Porcupine Fire in Castle Valley. It was a very exciting, the only fire going on in the country at the time. He had all sorts of equipment there to fight the fire. They learned a lot after that fire.
- Oil and Gas Exploration is keeping him busy
- The Tamarisk report is out on the tamarisk eating beetle. It seems to be working very well. Strips the tamarisk of all its foliage twice a year and eventually kills it.

Chris Glazier

- A new Strategic Plan for UDOT was published which will be included into the State Strategic Plan.
- Hot Items & need to cut projects & prices are outrageous.
- New I-Phone that can be used for data collection & Trim Pix & works with Nikon S7C & WiFi transfer to computer & can get these cheap if anyone wants one.
- Culverts are another big issue. UDOT is mapping all culverts to determine which are in dire need of replacement and where they all are.

Brock Fossett

- new help for Ben Clement. Was an educator before he came to the Carbon County GIS division. Also worked for the Forest Service.

Mike Hubbard

- He has been working on the recreational routing map for Ferron. The map is only for recreational roads.
- He is happy he is not doing aspen surveys
- We can get the vector data from this recreational roads map.

Ben Clement

- Just hired Brock and also another temp (didn't meet). They are working on new monuments and trails data.

Monte Wells

- working on a project with San Juan's Emergency's Services and Homeland Security finding address for the E911 calls. He is having the most difficulty on the Navajo Reservation. Has talked to Kelly in our office
- He is also working on ATV maps that are at a larger scale for ATV travel in San Juan County.

Doug Wight

- The proposed RMP for Moab, Price, and Monticello are almost finished. They should be approved by Dec. Need their travel plans approved

- Working on permits for potash development over 170,000 acres of potash permits have been applied for.
- There is a new technique for mining potash
- 30,000 new mineral claims for uranium in the couple of months

Aneth Wight

- wanted to let all know that Dinosaur Monument, Natural Bridges, Hovenweep and Colorado National Monument all have finished vegetation layers.

Agenda:

Cindy Clark talked about the importance of metadata to the GIS Inventory and archiving project. Pointed out the least number of items in the metadata for a "bare minimum" FGDC compliance. Also showed where on the portal there is a VBA script that can be used to insert certain information that is constant throughout all metadata. There is also a list of the ArcObjects that can be used in this script. These are found at <http://gis.utah.gov/code-visual-basic/vba-standardize-automate-common-metadata-elements> and <http://gis.utah.gov/code-visual-basic/arcobjects-metadata-property-names>.

Ben Clement talked about more problems with addressing. Blue Stakes is causing problems because in new developments, contractors contact Blue Stakes to have underground lines marked across undeveloped lots. Blue Stakes insists that there needs to be an address for them to come out and stake the property. County doesn't allow a new address until the property is developed. Often developers will make up an address to get Blue Stakes to come out and stake the property. Blue Stakes will not use latitude & longitude coordinates of the property as an "address" so that fake addresses don't have to be created just to get the property developed. Ben would like to have his "latitude & longitude" address to help with this problem.

Also developers need addresses that are in the insurance companies' databases. But they can't get addresses until they build, and they need insurance before they build. Ben feels that the lat-long address would help to solve this problem also.

Dave Vaughn had this same problem in Grand County. He was not sure about the "latitude & longitude" address, but felt there really needed to be something done about the problem. Chris Glazier liked the address idea because it would allow all the features in UDOT's inventory to have an exact address.

Next meeting December 4, 2008, Green River.